

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the members of the said corporation, and their successors, may meet together on the fourth Tuesday in May every year, and at such other time or times, and at such place or places within this state, and upon such public notice given, as may be fixed and agreed upon, for the purposes of forming such rules and regulations as may be necessary for answering and carrying into effect the pious purposes of this act, provided such rules and regulations be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state. C. H. A. P. LXXVIII. May meet annually, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said corporation, and their successors, by the name aforesaid, shall be for ever hereafter able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers, or other persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters and demands whatsoever, and that it shall and may be lawful for them, and their successors, for ever hereafter, to have a common seal for their use, and in their affairs and business, and the same, at the will and pleasure of them, and their successors, to change, alter, break and make anew, from time to time, as they shall think best, and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, franchises, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident and necessary to corporations of this kind, and which may be necessary to the corporation herein and hereby constituted and erected, to enable them duly and fully, in the law, to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of their said incorporation, for the benefit, succour and relief, of the widows of such clergymen, in the orders and communion of the protestant episcopal church aforesaid, as may or shall become contributors to the funds of the said corporation, agreeable to such rules and by-laws as may be established for the management and payment of annuities to the said widows, and for the education of their children, and settling them in some useful business or profession. May sue, &c.

C. H. A. P. LXXIX.
An ACT respecting the commerce of this state, to prevent frauds in the customs, and to direct the duty of naval officers, and to regulate the conduct of masters and mariners of merchant vessels. Passed 22d of Jan. 1785.
Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 551.
This act was to continue for seven years, &c. It was not afterwards continued, and had before the expiration of the term ceased to operate by the adoption of the general government.

C. H. A. P. LXXX.
An ACT respecting the appointment of delegates to congress. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 566.

C. H. A. P. LXXXI.
An ACT for the discovery of confiscated British property. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 567.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and required, at any time before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, to call on all persons having confiscated British property in their possession, or the title papers thereof or relating thereto, to discover, make known, and deliver up the same; and if the said intendant has probable and good ground to suspect, that any person holds the same in trust for any British subject, or conceals the same, or any deeds, writings, or evidence of the title to such property, he may and shall direct the attorney-general to file a bill in the high court of chancery, on behalf of this state, for the discovery of such trust or concealed property, and for delivering up such deeds, writings, and evidence of title to the same, and thereupon proceedings shall be had, and decree made, according to the rules of the high court of chancery in such cases. Papers to be delivered, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person having possession of any confiscated British property, and not having a fair claim of title thereto, or having obtained the possession of any property formerly belonging to any British subject, in virtue of any gift, grant, sale, devise or conveyance, made or executed since the nineteenth of April, seventeen hundred and seventy-five, and before the first of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, by any person declared to be a British subject by the act to seize, confiscate and appropriate, all British property within this state, with intent and design to cover and protect such property from confiscation, or by any conveyance, gift, grant, sale or devise, made since the first of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, by any person declared a British subject as aforesaid, not *bona fide* in pursuance of some contract or agreement made before that day in writing, or for the just payment of a debt due before that day by the person making such grant, conveyance or sale, to the person receiving the same, and shall not discover the same property, and the circumstances under which the same is held, and deliver up the same and the title papers Forfeiture on certain persons, &c.